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SUBJ: PAN AM'S MOVE TO INCREASE TRAVEL AGENTS COMMISSION

1. PAN AM DIRECTOR FOR NEW ZEALAND, DAVID MORGAN, INFORMED ECON/COMM COUNSELOR THAT PAN AM HAD GIVEN NOTICE TO GNZ CIVIL AVIATION DIVISION (CAD) ON APRIL 14 THAT EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY PAN AM WAS OFFERING AN ADDED INCENTIVE TO AGENTS FOR ALL TRAFFIC OFFERING OVER THE PAN AM ROUTES. ON APRIL 15 MORGAN RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING TELEX FROM FRASER NORTON, CONTROLLER OF AIR SERVICES POLICY:

QUOTE YOUR INFORMAL ADVICE OF YESTERDAY THAT PAN AMERICAN INTENDS INCJEASING WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVENESS THE IATA AGREED RATE OF COMMISSION TO BE PAID TO TRAVEL AGENTS IS NOTED. YOUR ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE RELEVANT ARTICLES OF THE NZ-USA AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT AND TO SPECIAL CONDITION B (B) OF YOUR INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICE LICENCE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE AGREEMENT WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

B. UNLESS THEY ARE IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH
EFFECTIVE IATA RESOLUTIONS AND NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT
RESERVATIONS THEREON AND DIRECTIVES THE LICENSEE
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SHALL FILE WITH THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT TARIFFS SHOWING:

(A) ALL FARES TO BE CHARGED FOR THE CARRIAGE OF GOODS BETWEEN ANY TWO POINTS ON THE ROUTE FOLLOWED AND BETWEEN POINTS ON THIS ROUTE AND POINTS ON THE ROUTE OF ANY OTHER CARRIER WHEN THROUGH FARES AND THROUGH CHARGES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED.

(B) THE RULES AFFECTING THESE FARES AND CHARGES ON THE LICENSED INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICE UNLES DISAPPROVED BY THE SECRETARY THE AGENCY INCENTIVE COMMISSIONS PROGRAMME CANNOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF FILING.

PENDING RECEIPT OF A FORMAL FILING IN TERMS OF YOUR INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICE LICENSE AND THE EXPIRATION OF THE 30 DAY NOTIFICATION PERIOD FOR DISAPPROVAL YOU ARE DIRECTED TO DESIST FROM OFFERING THE ADDED INCENTIVE TO AGENTS FOR ALL TRAFFIC OFFERING OVER THE AUTHORISED ROUTE SCHEDULE CONTAINED IN YOUR LICENSE. UNQUOTE.

2. MORGAN TOLD ECON/COMM COUNSELOR THAT PRIOR
TO THIS ACTION PAN AM HAD DENOUNCED THE IATA AGREED
RATE OF COMMISSION TO BE PAID TRAVEL AGENTS. THEREFORE
PAN AM DID NOT CONSIDER ITSELF BOUND BY IATA RATES.
HE SAID THAT PAN AM HAD, PRIOR TO THIS ATTEMPTED TO
GET IATA ACTION IN CHANGING THE RATE SYSTEM BUT HAD
NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL. MORGAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT
THE SPECIAL CONDITION B OF PAN AM'S INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICE
LICENSE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE NZ-USA AIR TRANSPORT
AGREEMENT DOES NOT MENTION COMMISSIONS. IT CONCERNS
RULES ON TARIFFS.

3. MORGAN SAID THAT HE HAD NOTIFIED PAN AM, NEW YORK WITH A REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON WHAT STEPS HE SHOULD TAKE IN RESPONSE TO NORTON'S ABOVE QUOTED TELEX MESSAGE. HE SAID HE WAS NOTIFYING THE EMBASSY BECAUSE THERE COULD BE A REQUEST MADE OF THE EMBASSY TO TAKE ACTION.

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